**District 34**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 10, 2023**

**Apex Masonic Lodge**

**408 E Williams Street**

**Apex, NC 27539**

**Members Present**

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| DCM | Craig H. |
| Alt. DCM | Brie G. |
| Registrar | Lili O. |
| Treasurer | Jasen H. |
| Secretary |  |
| Web Master | James C. |

**Group GSRs:**

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| Apex | Mark E., GSR |  | Last Call |  |
| Arch to Freedom | Scott M., GSR |  | Let Go, Let God | Chis S., GSR |
| Basics for Beginners | Donna C., GSR |  | Living Now |  |
| Be Still Morning Meditation |  |  | Log Cabin | Guiri A, GSR |
| Cary Twelve Step | Erinn K., GSR |  | Maynard Road Group |  |
| Cary Young People | Andrew B., GSR |  | Morning Meditation Group | Terri P., GSR |
| Change Agents | Charlie K., GSR |  | New Freedom Group |  |
| Design for Living |  |  | One Chapter at a Time | Liz H., GSR |
| Early Birds | Debra L., GSR |  | One Day at a Time |  |
| Experience, Strength, and Hope |  |  | One More Chapter at a Time |  |
| First One Hundred and Sixty-Four | Seth B., GSR |  | One Noon at a Time | Jim M, GSR |
| Fuquay-Varina | David J., GSR,  Yuriel, Alt. GSR |  | Principles In Action (APEX) | David W., GSR. |
| G2 | Benny M., GSR, Alan K., Alt. GSR |  | Promises of a New Beginning |  |
| Garner Big Book |  |  | Sunday Morning Spirituality Group |  |
| Gateway | Nancy B., GSR |  | There is a Solution | Jonathan S., GSR |
| Green Level |  |  | West Cary Noon |  |
| Greenwood Forest | Karlis M., GSR |  | Willow Springs | Tony S., GSR |
| Holly Springs |  |  | Women’s Paths to Serenity |  |
| Keep It Simple |  |  | Women’s Steps to Serenity |  |
| Lakeside |  |  | Anonymous Forces |  |
| Recovery at Noon | Lisa L., GSR, Phil C., Alt. GSR |  |  |  |

**Call to Order**

* 7:30pm – Craig H. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

**Readings**

* Long Form of Tradition 10 – Read By: Dave
* District Purpose – Read By: Jonathan S.

**Joke & Concept 9**

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**Next Month: Mark E. – Concept 12 and a Joke.**

**Introductions**

Went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Welcome new GSRs and Alt GSRs!

* Phil C., Alt. GSR, Recovery At Noon Group – Garner, NC

New GSR’s and Alt. GSR’s, please provide Lili O., District 34 Registrar, your contact and group information.

**A.A. Anniversaries**

Congratulations to:

* Lili
* Chris
* Terry
* Brie

Birthday Envelopes are available from Intergroup or can be ordered from A.A.org.

**Registrar Report**

* Continuing to update group list when necessary.
* Please make sure to let Lili know if your information has changed, e.g., address change, name change, phone number change, group change, etc., so records can be updated.
* You can make your own updates to the master list on Google Drive, but please inform Lili! The information will also be shared with the Area 51 Registrar.
* If you are a new group, please have your GSR go to Lili to update the systems with your information. The information will be sent over to the Area 51 Registrar.
* When providing Lili with updates, your information will be shared with Area 51, District 34, but NOT with Intergroup.
* You can also make changes on the Intergroup website, but those changes will not be visible to Area 51 and District 34.

**Secretary Report**

* If you are not receiving emails, please let us know ASAP!
* September 2023 District 34 Meeting Minutes distributed via email.
* Motion to accept Secretary report (1st) Karlis., (2nd) by Jonathan S.
* Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report**

* Reviewed financial report for September.
* Motion to accept Treasurers report (1st) made by ANDREW., (2nd) by Dave.
* Motion passed unanimously.

**Webmaster Report**

* Please continue to send James (District 34 Webmaster) flyers and news about your groups, e.g., anniversary parties, unique events, etc., so it can be posted on the District website.
* District 34 Webmaster email address is: [D34web@gmail.com](mailto:D34web@gmail.com)
* If you have flyers just go to the website and post or send them to James. <https://District34area51.live-website.com/>

**Intergroup Liaison Report**

* Election in December.
* Discussion:
  + Lisa – Discussion about the need for support of an Intergroup Liaison.
  + Jonathan – His group voted to stop contributing to Intergroup.
  + David – Meeting time – there was an incorrect vote count. His group decided to not change anything until more information in provided.

**Alt DCM Report**

* Brie: GSR School - New GSR Orientation: It is recommended to attend the GSR school if you are a new GSR or a new Alt. GSR to become more familiar with your role and to ask any questions. Please call Brie G. (919) 561-7153 or Craig H. (747) 229-7302 to set up a convenient time and place!
* If anybody wants to attend new GSR orientation, please inform Brie so she can set up a convenient time to meet which works for everyone. Otherwise, Brie will hold off on scheduling anything this month.
* GSR school is October 24, 2023, 5PM ET on Google Meets.

**DCM Report**

* Assembly
  + Deadline for reservations was 9/13.
  + Craig sent out all agenda items.
  + If you didn’t make a reservation, give it a shot there since there may be rooms still available.
    - North Hills Hilton – 10/20-10/22.
  + Saturday 1:30PM is when business starts though there are some great meetings and events happening Saturday morning for GSR’s.
  + Friday night for Committee Members.
  + Craig reviewed agenda items.
    - Discussion about A.A. becoming a non-profit. Supporting documents, discussions about one of the reasons this came about, e.g., digital payments.
    - Andrew - $600 in year, documents from IRS.
    - Craig – will gather more information at the Committee meeting.
    - David – Unincorporated, his group does not need to file taxes.
    - Craig – we would need to as a state through tax exempt.
    - Scott – Venmo and PayPal, if you do not give them the proper tax ID number, they have limits and penalties causing them to have to enforce them.
    - Chris – will this impact the prudent reserve for the Area?
      * Craig – Yes, $350 will be added to the prudent reserve by ½ ($175).
* Terri – Can we get an updated agenda?
  + Craig – Yes, I’ll send out that and the weekend schedule.

**Old Business**

* Soberfest Update - Ad Hoc Picnic Committee $500
  + Saturday, November 4, 2023, 11-2pm Lake Wheeler, Sweet Gum Shelter
  + Brats, Dogs, Music, Games,
  + Speaker - Julie R, Area 52 Panel 72 Delegate
* Gratitude supper, Tuesday, November 14 - $200
  + Planning committee update - we’ll meet this week
  + Andrew B, Donna C., Paul S., Craig, Erinn
  + Timing:
    - Setup 5:30
    - Dinner 6:30
    - Draw names 6:45
    - Speaker 7:30
    - Cleanup 8:30
  + Main Course and Beverages to be provided
    - Smoked Turkey
    - Spiral Cut Ham
    - Looking for volunteers
    - Open meeting, all are welcome
* Alcothon
  + Planning committee update - has not yet met
    - Planning Committee - Craig, Brie, Kris, Andrew, Jasen
  + Karlis will make himself available to answer questions.
  + We have a number of documents to help guide our planning
  + plan for food more in advance,
  + Maybe a group is responsible for bringing in the turkey and ham or lasagna instead of the individual, but the district pays for it.
  + the district specifies different dishes for different time of the day
  + Job description or instruction sheet for the point person for the Alcothons, e.g., what to do, when to do it, etc.
  + During the New Year’s Day Alcothons the food table “didn’t look too good.”
  + we should see how we can keep things more orderly and cleaner during the event.
  + There wasn’t enough food to go around at the early morning meetings. we need to make sure we have groups assigned to bring some food appropriate for the time of day.
  + Would have been good to get some separation between where folks are eating vs. where the meetings were held. It was difficult to hear at times given the conversations going on in the room.
  + Christmas Eve – food supply seemed low.

**New Business**

* Web Domain renewal.
  + James – Cost for 3 years instead of 2 years is $66.51.
  + Domain: D34A51.com will not need to be renewed for 3 years.
  + James will get the incoming Webmaster all set up for it.
* Terri – Asked about the Intergroup Liaison position.
  + It’s a 2 year service position.
  + Discussion about stipulations for the District Liaison.
  + Multiple suggestions: GSR, ALT GSR, DCM, ALT DCM, Sobriety requirement.
  + Craig – Is this group in agreement that the District Liaison shall be an outgoing GSR also open to Alternate GSR’s is no GSR’s are able?
  + Recommendation is 1 year of sobriety.
  + Position will be for 2 years.
  + Jonathan made a motion to accept Intergroup Liaison position criteria as discussed.
  + Charlie and Andre – made a second motion.
    - Motion passed unanimously.

**History Fact**

* **Next Month** – History Fact volunteer for December is Chris S.

**Home Group Announcements**

* Debra – Early Birds Group is celebrating 5 years on November 9th, 7:30PM.

**End of the Meeting**

* We passed the basket.
* Closed the meeting with the A.A. Responsibility Pledge.
* Adjourned at 8:30 PM ET

**Next Meeting : December 12, 2023 @ Apex Masonic Lodge**

* 6:30PM – New Service Manual Study (also via Zoom)
* 7:30PM – District meeting

**Addendum – Helpful Mailing Addresses. Websites and Area 51 Events**

**Emails**

DCM [d34dcm@gmail.com](about:blank)

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Treasurer [d34treasurer@gmail.com](about:blank)

Secretary [d34secretary@gmail.com](about:blank)

Registrar [d34registrar@gmail.com](about:blank)

Webmaster [d34web@gmail.com](mailto:D34web@gmail.com)

**Websites**

[http://www.raleighaa.com/District.php](about:blank)

[http://www.d34a51.com](about:blank)

[http://aanorthcarolina.org](about:blank)

User: 34

Password: notglumlot

**Mailing Addresses/email – needs to be changed.**

**Area 51 Treasurer**

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**GSO**

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**D34 Contributions**

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**Schedule for upcoming Area 51 events****:**

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| Area 51 Fall Committee & Assembly Meeting | October 20-22, 2023  The Hilton Raleigh North Hills  3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609 |
| SSAASA – 7th Southern States AA Service Assembly | November 17 - November 19  Sheraton Orlando North 600 North Lake Destiny Road, Maitland, FL |
| 2025 International Convention | July 3-6, 2025  Vancouver, B.C., Canada |